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Meetings of the P.E.I. Horse Racing and Sports Commission

The Commission met 23 times during the 1990 calendar year on issues concerning the sports governing bodies, interest groups and hearings and appeals.

The Commission completed a rough draft of a Rule Book for Harness Racing in P.E.I. This rule book is recognized as an industry necessity, and the Commission is pleased to have completed this first time-consuming step. It is anticipated that the Rule Book will be completed in 1991.

Hearings and Appeals of the P.E.I. Horse Racing and Sports Commission

The commission heard 11 appeals during 1990. Of these, 10 appeals were denied and 1 appeal was overturned.

Appellants must make a $100 deposit with the Commission to enter an appeal. If the Commission considers the appeal frivolous, the deposit is forfeited; if the Commission feels the appeal has merit (even though the appeal may be denied), the deposit is returned. Eleven appeals were considered to have merit and the $100 deposit was returned to the appellant. No appeals were considered frivolous.

Industry Relations

The Commission deals on a regular basis with the following bodies, groups and associations which are involved in the harness racing industry:

- P.E.I. Standardbred Horse Owners Association
- Hillsboro Trotting Association
  (Owners of the Charlottetown Driving Park)
- Prince County Horsemen's Club
  (Operators of the Summerside Raceway)
- Agriculture Canada - Racetracks Division
- United States Trotting Association
- Canadian Trotting Association
- Racetracks Canada Inc.
- Atlantic Sires Breeders Association
- P.E.I. Colt Stakes Association
- Body of race officials acting on P.E.I.

Relations between the various bodies and interest groups within the Harness Racing Industry were very good. The Commission is looking forward to continued harmony and success in the industry for 1991.

Interprovincial Meetings

In June 1990, two Commission members represented P.E.I. at the annual meeting of the Provincial Racing Commissions, held in Calgary, Alberta. These meetings are an important part of the Commission's governing function, as they allow the Commission to communicate with its counterparts in other provinces.

Charlottetown Driving Park

The Charlottetown Driving Park (CDP) had a successful year in 1990, but unfortunately, it ended on a low note. A wind storm extensively damaged the facility in early December, forcing the cancellation of a number of race cards. The CDP held 113 racing events (down from 121 in 1989) and betting revenues decreased 4% to about $6.1 million (see attached table).

Summerside Raceway

The Summerside Raceway had a very successful year in 1990, with a major organizational restructuring. The Raceway held 36 racing events (up from 35 in 1989) and betting revenues increased 12% to about $0.93 million (see attached table).

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CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1990

Receipts:

Government Grant	$32,100	
Licenses	5,844	
Fines	2,845	
Appeal Deposits	300	
		$41,089

Disbursements:

Salaries & Wages	26,640	
Travel	6,717	
Office & Supplies	2,438	
Mems, dues and subs	465	
Equipment	459	
Appeal Deposits Refunds	300	
Miscellaneous	211	
		$37,230

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	$ 3,859
Cash on Hand Beginning of Year	1,210
Cash on Hand End of Year	$ 5,069

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BETTING RESULTS 1988 - 1990

		Per Cent Change	1990	Per Cent Change	1989	Per Cent Change	1988
C.D.P. -	Race Dates	-6.6	113	1.7%	121	12.3%	119
	Total Bet	-4.2	$6,083,667	4.0%	$6,349,272	15.2%	$6,104,200
	Avg. Bet	2.6	$ 53,838	2.3%	$ 52,473	2.6%	$ 51,295
S.R.W.	Race Dates	2.9	36	-40.0%	35	-6.5%	58
	Total Bet	12.5	$ 938,108	-25.4%	834,120	2.7%	$1,117,465
	Avg. Bet	8.8	$ 25,919	23.7%	$ 23,832	9.8%	$ 19,266
P.E.I.	Race Dates	-4.7	149	-11.9%	156	5.4%	177
	Total Bet	-2.3	$7,016,775	0.5%	$7,183,392	13.1%	$7,221,665
	Avg. Bet	2.3	$ 47,092	12.0%	$ 46,047	7.3%	$ 40,800